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31 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 31 January 1968

The Director was at the White House. DDCI was in the chair.

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Godfrey provided a Situation Report on the status of enemy activities in South Vietnam, noting that as of this morning the Viet Cong actually control only one small provincial capital, Chau Doc.

Godfrey asked whether the OCI/SAVA memorandum of "first thoughts" in connection with the Tet offensive should receive external distribution. The DDCI indicated that he would advise Godfrey after the Morning Meeting.

Carver drew attention to the Saigon Station's initial reactions as to the psychological effect of the Tet offensive.

Carver extolled the role of the communicators during the most frenzied phases of the hostilities of the last thirty-six hours.

Warner noted that some initial tendencies toward panic on the Hill in connection with the events in Vietnam were arrested.

Warner reported that Congressman Ogden Reid is receiving a routine world briefing today from [redacted] 25X

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ACTIONS:

1. DDCI asked the DD/I and Godfrey to look into the question of providing the White House Situation Room with manpower from the CIA Operations Center during crisis periods.

2. DDCI requested that he receive for his review the briefing material prepared for the Director's appearance before the Policy Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee. (Godfrey)

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